

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
MARSHALL DIVISION**

**LVMH MOËT HENNESSY LOUIS VUITTON INC.'S  
ANSWER AND DEFENSES IN RESPONSE TO  
PLAINTIFF GEOTAG, INC.'S FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT**

Defendant LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton Inc. (“LVMH”) files this answer to Plaintiff Geotag, Inc.’s (“Geotag” or “Plaintiff”) First Amended Complaint (“Amended Complaint”), and hereby states as follows:

## PARTIES

1. LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 1 of the Amended Complaint and therefore denies those allegations.
  2. LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 2 of the Amended Complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

3. LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 3 of the Amended Complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

4. LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 4 of the Amended Complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

5. LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 5 of the Amended Complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

6. LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 6 of the Amended Complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

7. LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 7 of the Amended Complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

8. LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 8 of the Amended Complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

9. LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 9 of the Amended Complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

10. LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 10 of the Amended Complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

11. LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 11 of the Amended Complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

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24. LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 24 of the Amended Complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

25. LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 25 of the Amended Complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

26. LVMH admits that it is a Delaware corporation with a principal place of business at 19 East 57th Street, New York, New York. LVMH denies the remaining allegations in Paragraph 26 of the Amended Complaint.

27. LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 27 of the Amended Complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

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56. LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 56 of the Amended Complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

57. LVMH admits Paragraph 57 of the Jurisdiction and Venue section of the Amended Complaint alleges that this is an action arising under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code, but denies the merits of such action. LVMH also admits that this Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a). LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief about the allegations related

to all of the Defendants other than LVMH, and therefore denies those allegations. LVMH denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 57 of the Jurisdiction and Venue section of the Amended Complaint insofar as they apply to LVMH.

58. LVMH denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 58 of the Jurisdiction and Venue section of the Amended Complaint insofar as they apply to LVMH.

**ANSWER TO COUNT 1**

**ALLEGATION OF INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 5,930,474**

59. LVMH admits that United States Patent No. 5,930,474 (the “‘474 Patent”) is titled “Internet Organizer for Accessing Geographically and Topically Based Information,” and, that according to the face of the ‘474 Patent, was apparently issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 29, 1999. LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations of Paragraph 59 of Count I to the Amended Complaint, and therefore denies the same.

60. Paragraph 60 of Count I to the Amended Complaint states legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent that an answer is required, LVMH denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 60 to the Amended Complaint.

61. LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations Paragraph 61 of Count I to the Amended Complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

62. LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations Paragraph 62 of Count I to the Amended Complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

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81. LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations Paragraph 81 of Count I to the Amended Complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

82. LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations Paragraph 82 of Count I to the Amended Complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

83. Denied.

84. LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations Paragraph 84 of Count I to the Amended Complaint and therefore denies those allegations

85. LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations Paragraph 85 of Count I to the Amended Complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

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101. LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations Paragraph 101 of Count I to the Amended Complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

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104. LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations Paragraph 104 of Count I to the Amended Complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

105. LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations Paragraph 105 of Count I to the Amended Complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

106. LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations Paragraph 106 of Count I to the Amended Complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

107. LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations Paragraph 107 of Count I to the Amended Complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

108. LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations Paragraph 108 of Count I to the Amended Complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

109. LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations Paragraph 109 of Count I to the Amended Complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

110. LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations Paragraph 110 of Count I to the Amended Complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

111. LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations Paragraph 111 of Count I to the Amended Complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

112. LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations Paragraph 112 of Count I to the Amended Complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

113. LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations Paragraph 113 of Count I to the Amended Complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

114. Paragraph 114 of Count I to the Amended Complaint does not require a response by LVMH. To the extent any response is necessary, LVMH denies it has committed any act of infringement, willful or otherwise.

115. To the extent directed toward LVMH, LVMH denies the allegations of Paragraph 115 of Count I of the Amended Complaint. With respect to the other Defendants, LVMH lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 115 of Count I to the Amended Complaint and therefore denies those allegations.

**ANSWER TO PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

1. LVMH denies that Plaintiff is entitled to any of the relief requested in Paragraphs 1 through 6 of its Prayer for Relief.

**AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

1. Without conceding that any of the following necessarily must be pled as an affirmative defense, or that any of the following is not already at issue by virtue of the foregoing denials, and without prejudice to LVMH's right to plead additional defenses as discovery into the facts of the matter warrant, LVMH hereby asserts the following defenses. LVMH specifically reserves the right to amend its defenses further as additional information is developed through discovery or otherwise.

**FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

**Noninfringement**

2. LVMH has not infringed any valid claim of the `474 Patent either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents.

**SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

**Patent Invalidity**

3. Each and every claim of the `474 Patent is invalid for failure to comply with the patent laws, including, but not limited to, 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102, 103, 112, and 113.

**THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

**Prosecution History Estoppel/Prosecution Disclaimer**

4. Prosecution history estoppel and/or prosecution disclaimer preclude any finding of infringement.

**FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

**Limitation on Damages**

5. The Plaintiff's claim for relief and damages are limited by 35 U.S.C. §§ 286, 287, and/or 288.

**FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

**Laches/Equitable Estoppel**

6. Plaintiff's claims against LVMH are barred in whole or in part by one or more of the equitable doctrines of laches and/or equitable estoppel.

**SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

**Failure to State a Claim**

7. Plaintiff has failed to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

8. LVMH reserves all affirmative defenses under Rule 8(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Patent Laws of the United States, and any other defenses at law or in equity, that may now or in the future be available based on discovery or any other factual investigation concerning this case, including without limitation any applicable defenses asserted by any other defendant in this action.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, LVMH prays for the following relief:

- A. That Geotag's claims against LVMH be dismissed with prejudice and that Geotag take nothing by way of its Complaint;
- B. That judgment be rendered in favor of LVMH;
- C. For a declaration that LVMH has not infringed any claim of the `474 Patent;
- D. For a declaration that each and every claim of the `474 Patent is invalid;

- E. For an order finding this case exceptional pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285 and awarding LVMH its reasonable attorneys' fees;
- F. That LVMH be awarded its costs of suit incurred in this action; and
- G. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: March 21, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Avelyn M. Ross

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that all counsel of record who are deemed to have consented to electronic service are being served with a copy of this document via the Court's CM/ECF system per Local Rule CV-5(a)(3) on March 21, 2012. Any other counsel of record will be served by first class mail on this same date.

/s/ Avelyn M. Ross

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